
ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: the life and military service of Staff Sergeant Todd Cornell of the United States Army Reserves who lost his life during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Whereas, on November 9, 2004, Staff Sergeant Todd Cornell of West Bend, Wisconsin, a member of the Army Reserves 1st Battalion, 339th Infantry Regiment, died as a result of wounds received during enemy action in Fallujah, Iraq; and

Whereas, Staff Sergeant Cornell, born January 3, 1966, will be remembered for his free spirit, spending his childhood summers helping a farmer with beekeeping, hay harvesting, and work in his apple orchard, and as a 4-H member; and

Whereas, during his high school years, Staff Sergeant Cornell was an avid swimmer, going to state meets his freshman and senior years, and someone who loved restoring old cars and riding with the wind on his Harley Davidson motorcycle; and

Whereas, the number one priority in Staff Sergeant Cornell's life was love for his 2 children, Caitlin and Jake; and

Whereas, Staff Sergeant Cornell will be remembered as someone who always said, "Send me," when asked to defend his fellow soldiers and his country, who was a proud member of the United States Army, willing to serve with pride and without prejudices, and a true American patriot; and

Whereas, Staff Sergeant Cornell provided faithful and honorable service to the people of the state of Wisconsin and the United States, receiving the Purple Heart, a Bronze Star for meritorious service, and a Bronze Star for valor, the National Infantry Association Order of Saint Maurice award, plus six other awards from Army Reserves, and having taken enemy fire to prevent insurgents from attacking the Iraqis he supervised; and

Whereas, following his death, a conference room at the Army Command Center in Baghdad was dedicated to Staff Sergeant Cornell and adorned with his portrait, a leadership award was created in his name at Ft. Lewis, Washington, and, during the historic January 2005 Iraqi elections, an American flag was flown in his honor on a United States Air Force C-17, then presented to Staff Sergeant Cornell's surviving family; and

Whereas, the people of Wisconsin mourn the death of Staff Sergeant Cornell and thank him, with the deepest respect and gratitude, for his bravery and for making the ultimate sacrifice for his country; and

Whereas, Staff Sergeant Cornell was laid to rest on November 18, 2004; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the legislature of the state of Wisconsin commemorates the remarkable life of Staff Sergeant Todd Cornell and extends its deepest sympathies to his family, friends, and colleagues; and, be it further

Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall transmit a copy of this joint resolution to Staff Sergeant Cornell's parents, Robert and Renee Cornell, his sister, Tamara Rono, his brother, Tim Cornell, and his children, Caitlin Cornell and Jake Cornell.

Representative John G. Gard
Speaker of the Assembly

Senator Alan J. Lasee
President of the Senate

Date

Robert J. Marchant
Senate Chief Clerk